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MT DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING RESERVOIR AND RIVER OPERATIONS

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Lima Reservoir

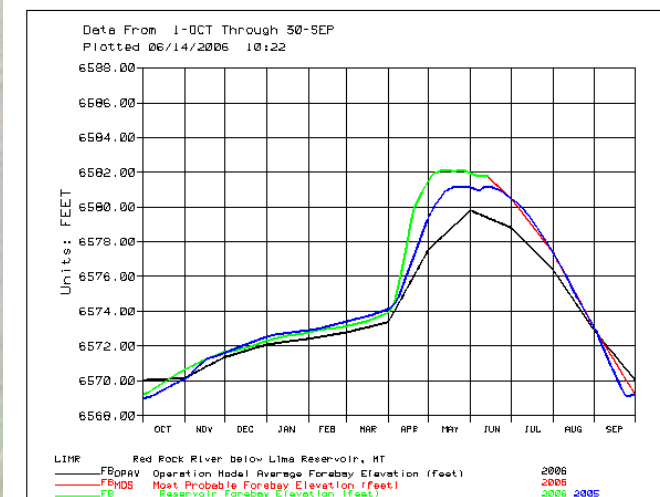
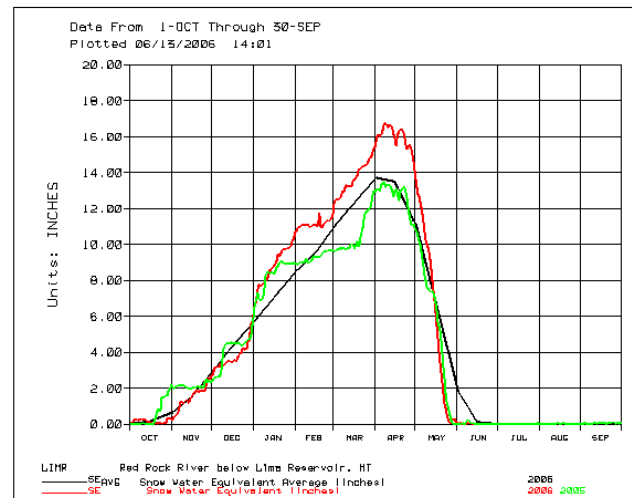
May-June inflow has been above normal

Snowpack has essentially melted out

Storage @ 119% of average

Releases matching inflows

Water supply outlook is better than last year and water users are expected to receive a full water supply in 2006



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Clark Canyon Reservoir

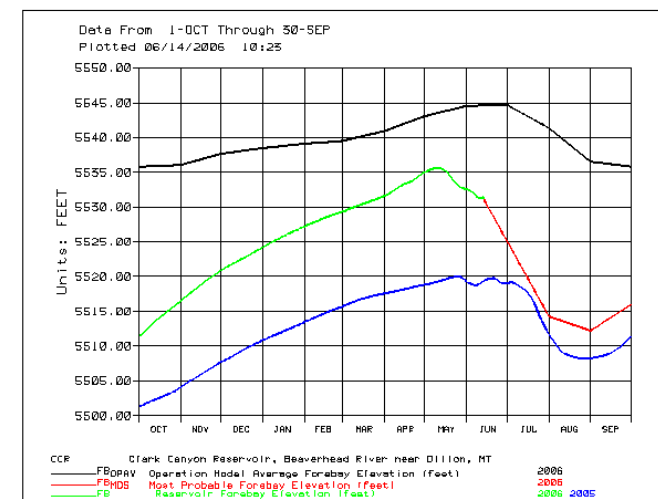
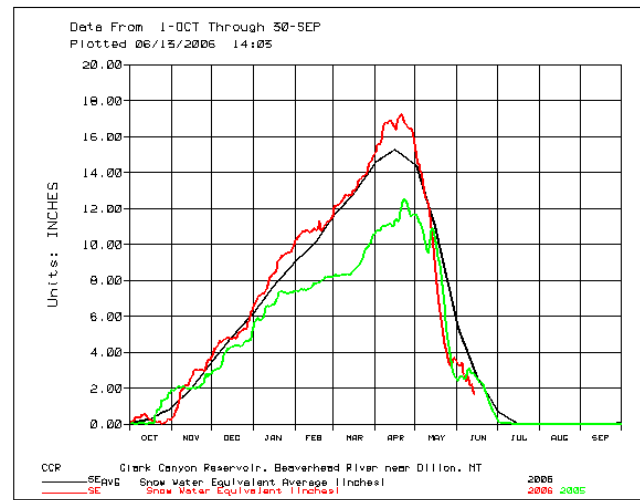
Lack of spring rains caused May inflow to drop to 48% of average

Snowpack is nearly melted out

Storage @ 105,944 af (64% of average and 12.3 ft or 42,100 af more than last year)

Releases increased to 750 cfs for full demand but rains have been reduced to 330 cfs

Water supply outlook is much better than in past recent years and EBID & CCWSC are expected to receive full water supplies in 2006



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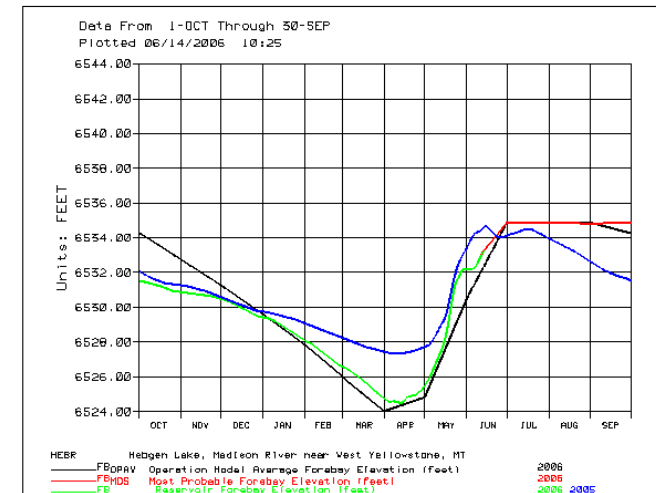
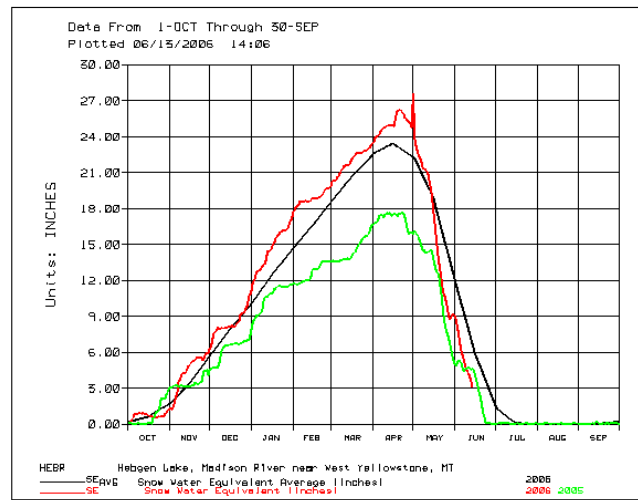
Hebgen Reservoir (PPL-MT)

Currently releasing 950 cfs to
Madison River

Snowpack is nearly melted out
Storage @ 103% of average

Hebgen is nearly full and once
reservoir is full plans are to
maintain it essentially full all
summer, unless pulse flows
are required for maintenance
of river temperatures

Water supply outlook is good



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Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Snowpack is nearly melted out

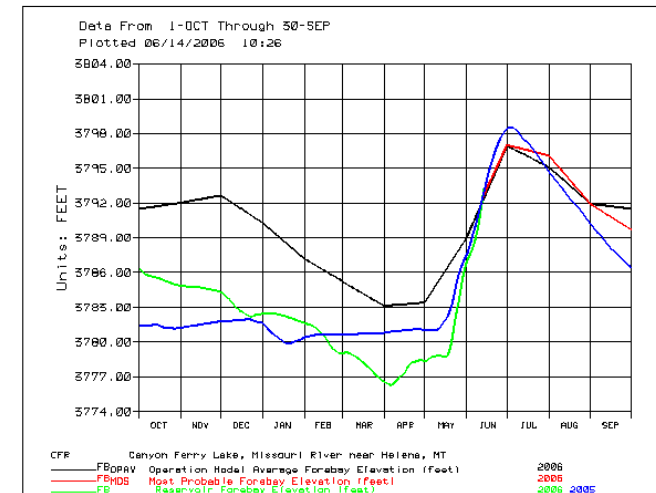
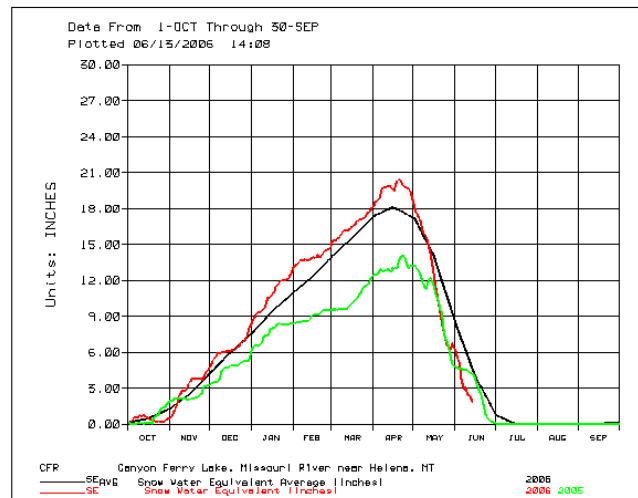
Storage @ 101% of average and 0.5 ft higher than last year

Releases being maintained at rates (4,100 cfs or higher below Holter Dam) to assure reservoir of filling

Expect storage to fill to normal full pool by end of June

Releases out of Canyon Ferry may be increased to control the rate of fill

Water supply outlook is good



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Gibson Reservoir

May inflow was about 95% of average

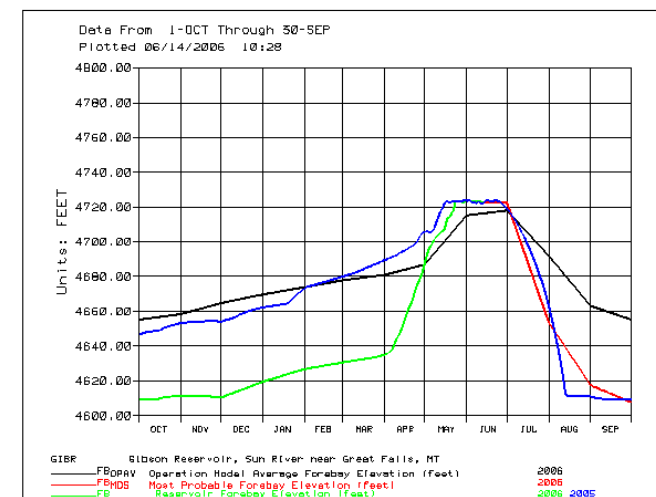
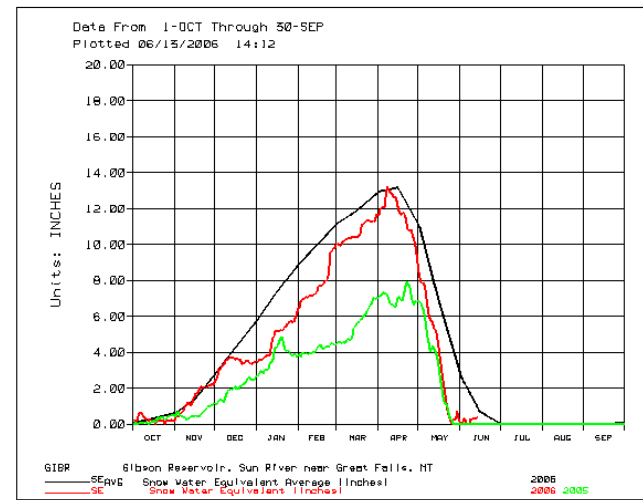
Snowpack melted out in late May

Storage @ 109% of average and 0.85 ft or 1,100 af higher than last year

Gibson, Pishkun & Willow Creek are all essentially full

Releases are being adjusted to control the runoff into Gibson

Even though reservoirs are full if precipitation is below normal, water users could experience water shortages later this summer



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Tiber Reservoir

May inflow was only 62% of average

Snowpack has essentially melted out

Storage @ 101% of average and 5.7 ft high than last year

Currently releasing 4,000 cfs, assimilating a natural runoff condition in the Marias downstream of Tiber Dam

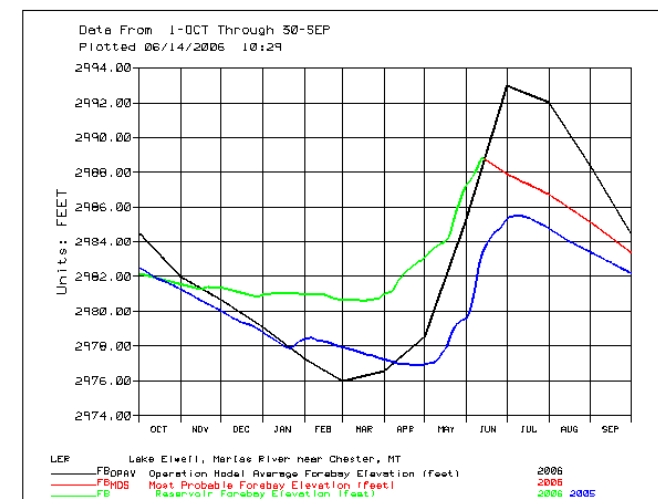
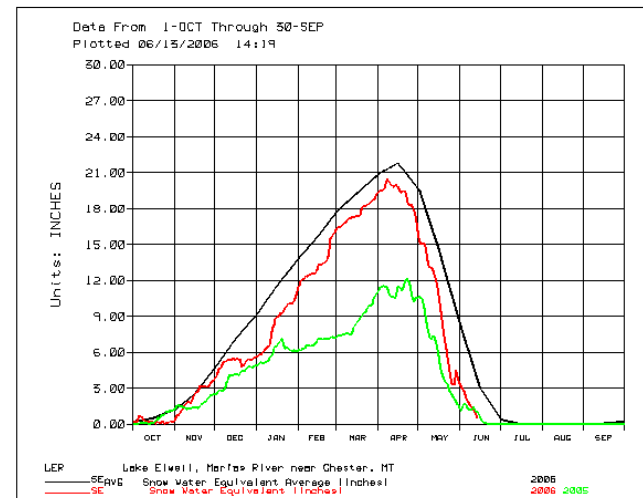
Plan to reduce releases to 670 cfs on June 21

Expect to fill Tiber to within 3-4 feet of normal full pool in June

Water supply outlook is good



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Lake Sherburne

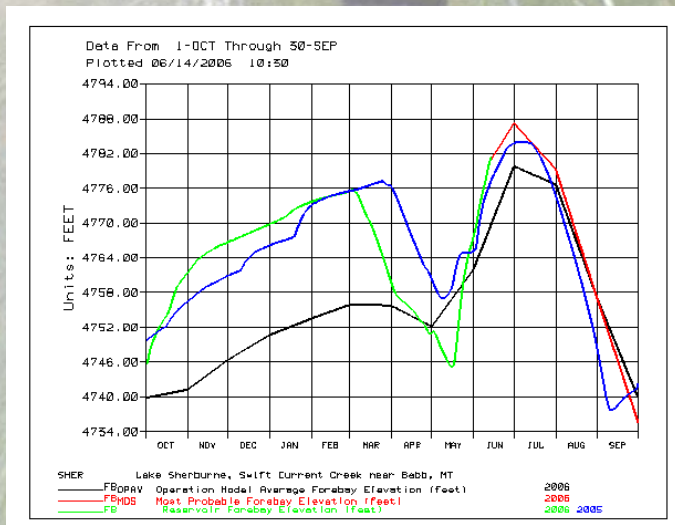
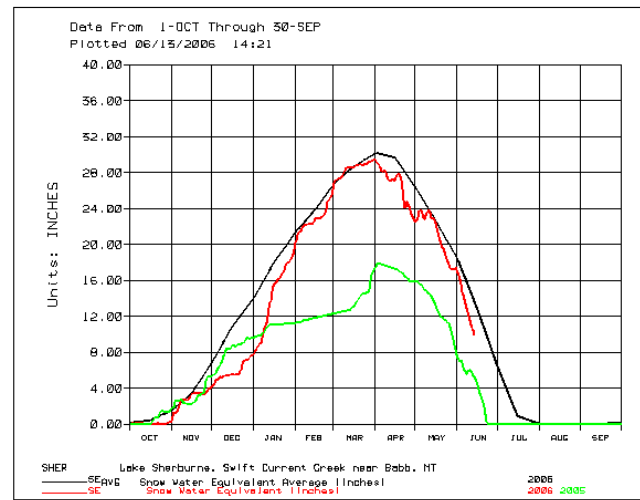
May inflow was 117% of average

Snowpack nearly melted out

Storage @ 143 percent of average
and 4.5 feet or 4,500 af higher than
last year

Releases from Lake Sherburne are
40 cfs and we are currently
diverting 650 cfs from St. Mary
River Basin to Milk River Basin

Water supply outlook for the Milk
River Project is good



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Fresno Reservoir

Currently diverting 650 cfs from
St. Mary Basin to Mil River

Storage @ 123% of average and
4.4 ft or 16,600 af more than last
year

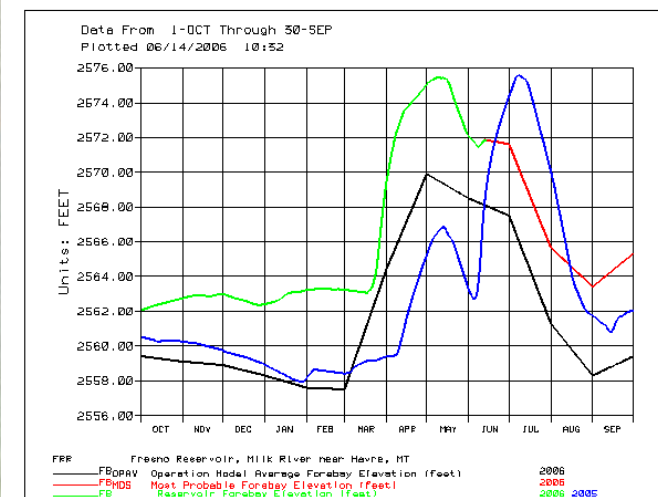
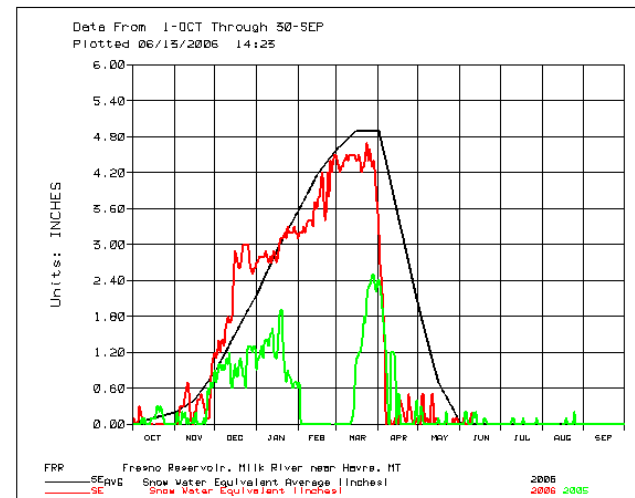
Releases have been reduced to
560 cfs to the Milk River

Storage is 3,13 feet below the top
of the conservation pool @
elevation 2575

Water supply outlook is good
and water users are expected to
receive a full irrigation allotment
in 2006



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Bighorn Lake

(Yellowtail Reservoir)

May inflow was 71% of average

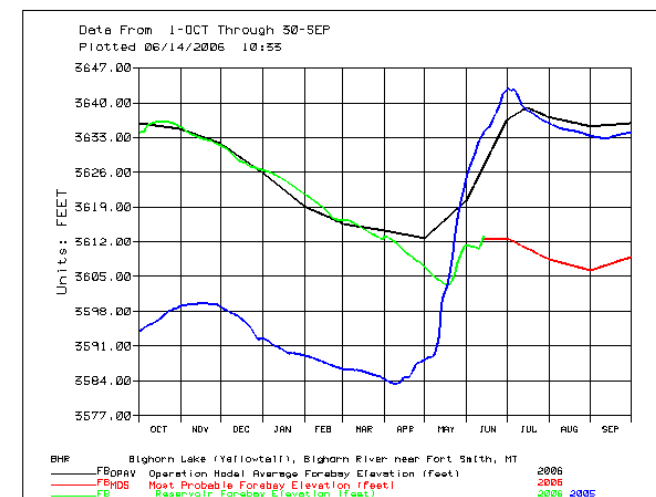
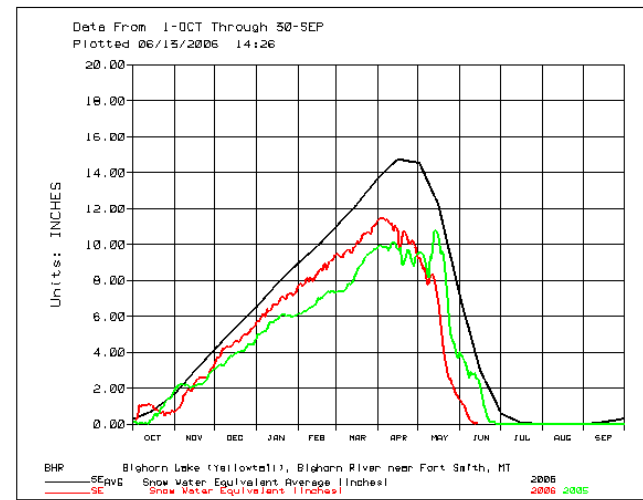
Snowpack essentially melted out

Storage @ 88% of average and
20.5 feet lower than last year

Releases have been reduced to
2,250 cfs, 250 below the minimum
desired fishery flow of 2,500 cfs

Water supply looking poor

Appears Bighorn Lake will not fill
and releases to river may have to
be reduced to less than 2,250 cfs



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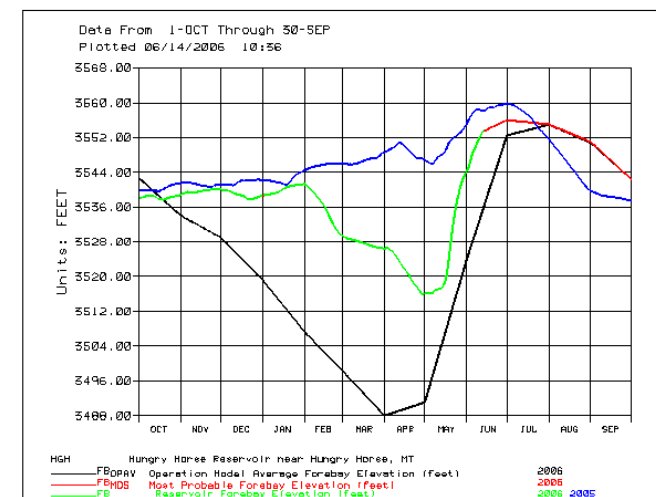
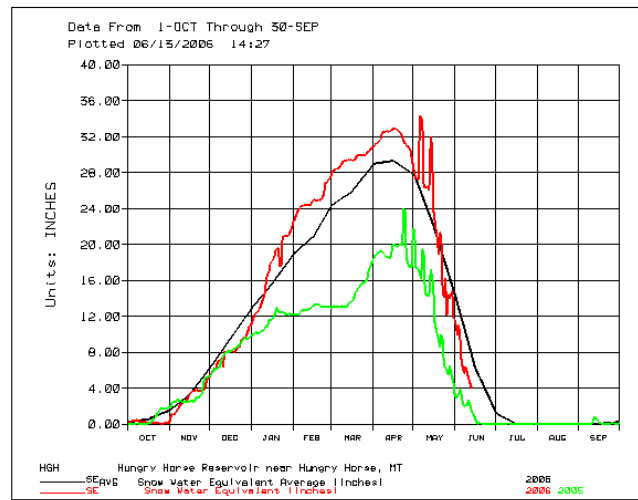
Hungry Horse Reservoir

Snowpack is nearly melted out

Storage @ 113% of average

Releasing 6,500 cfs to river

Plan to fill Hungry Horse by
continuing conservative releases



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Summary of Reservoir Conditions

Mountain snowpack is nearing or has melted out at most locations

May inflow to Reclamation reservoirs were below normal

Recent rains have improved runoff outlook into reservoirs

Nearly all reservoir storages are above normal with the exception of Clark Canyon (64%) & Yellowtail (88%)

At end of spring runoff, all reservoirs are expected to have reached full pool levels, with exception of Clark Canyon or Yellowtail

Water supply outlook, with exception of Yellowtail, is better than last year and water users are expected to receive a full water supply in 2006



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